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**Sent:** 11/21/2018 12:11:27 AM  
**To:** NEIBAUR, ELENA [Neibaur.Elena@epa.gov]; Sullivan, Julie [sullivan.julie@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Shaffer, Caleb [Shaffer.Caleb@epa.gov]; Wirtschafter, Joshua [Wirtschafter.Joshua@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: question about tribal monitors

This is helpful! Thank you!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Julie <sullivan.julie@epa.gov>; Ebbert, Laura <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Shaffer, Caleb <Shaffer.Caleb@epa.gov>; Wirtschafter, Joshua <Wirtschafter.Joshua@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: question about tribal monitors

Thanks Julie! I am adding Laura Ebbert to see if this will be useful.

Laura-There is no specific tribal monitor guidance that I am aware of. However, along those lines there is an attached NHPA consultation at Leviathan for RI sampling (see information from RPM below). Let me know if this addresses the inquiry.

Best,  
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**From:** Sullivan, Julie  
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**Subject:** RE: question about tribal monitors

Elena,

I don't specifically know of tribal monitor use guidance. However, related to that, I am attaching the agreement for NHPA consultation at Leviathan. EPA worked out the agreement regarding NHPA 106 compliance protocols for RI sampling at Leviathan.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Thanks,

Julie

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**Subject:** FW: question about tribal monitors

Hi Julie,

A question came up if there are guidance documents or other resources that talk about using tribal monitors for EPA ground-disturbing activities (see original request in thread below). You were mentioned to reach out to since there were tribal monitors at Leviathan. Can you provide some information regarding that?

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** FW: question about tribal monitors

Hiya! Can you please follow-up with Julie Sullivan?

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**Subject:** RE: question about tribal monitors

Sona,

Leviathan was the one site in my section that used tribal monitors, but it's no longer in my section. Julie Sullivan is the RPM for the site and could talk to you more about it.

Caleb

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**From:** Chilingaryan, Sona

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**Subject:** question about tribal monitors

Hi Dana and Caleb!

I was speaking with Will about the question from Laura Ebbert below related to US EPA guidance on tribal monitors at Superfund sites and he mentioned that there may have been tribal monitors at sites in your sections to ensure that work was being done in a culturally appropriate way. Do we have guidance that speaks to this? Lily, would be great to get your thoughts about this as well!

Thanks much,  
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**From:** NEIBAUR, ELENA

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 7:59 AM

**To:** Chilingaryan, Sona <[Chilingaryan.Sona@epa.gov](mailto:Chilingaryan.Sona@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Hi Sona,

I was looping back on this (see original email from Laura below) to see if you are able to direct me to resources or who I should ask?

Thanks!  
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**From:** Ebbert, Laura

**Sent:** Saturday, November 10, 2018 7:11 AM

**To:** NEIBAUR, ELENA <[Neibaur.Elena@epa.gov](mailto:Neibaur.Elena@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Elena,  
Zoe Heller (CalRecycle) asks if there are any guidance documents or other resources that talk about using tribal monitors for EPA ground-disturbing activities. Do you know?

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**Subject:** Re: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

There actually is something... since you offered :)

Does USEPA have any guidance for tribal monitoring at superfund sites - or other types of cleanups?

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**From:** Ebbert, Laura <[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 9:16:40 AM  
**To:** Heller, Zoe@CalRecycle  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Thank you! It's not by choice, but I'll make the best of it. Let me know how I can help you while I'm here, on ORA stuff or tribal!

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**From:** Heller, Zoe@CalRecycle <[Zoe.Heller@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Zoe.Heller@calrecycle.ca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** Ebbert, Laura <[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Thanks for keeping me in the loop.

I also see your title has changed. Congrats!

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**From:** Ebbert, Laura <[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Heller, Zoe@CalRecycle <[Zoe.Heller@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Zoe.Heller@calrecycle.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Hi Sandy

Thanks for your thoughtful note about the situation at Laytonville. I do hope some resolution is possible.

I will ask Nova Blazej, my acting supervisor for the Division's site assessment team, to email you the site assessment for the site. It has been shared with your colleagues at DTSC and Cal EPA.

It was great to meet you at the Tribal Conference last week.

Best Regards

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**From:** Karinen, Sandy@DTSC <[Sandy.Karinen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Sandy.Karinen@dtsc.ca.gov)>  
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**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPA Report for Laytonville Rancheria

Hi Enrique,

Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to me about the Laytonville situation last week at RTOC. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness & the offer of forwarding a copy of the EPA assessment report on Laytonville.

I became involved with the Tribal community & the adjacent unincorporated community of Laytonville/Long Valley a couple of years ago as a result of an environmental complaint sent to Arsenio Mataka at CalEPA by Olin Jones, Director of the Office of Native American Affairs at the California Attorney General's Office. Although DTSC was not directly involved in the issues surrounding the closed landfill owned & operated by Mendocino County, I ended up being the one that became the point of contact for CalEPA. I've also visited the area quite a number of times, both officially at the request of the Tribe & on my own time. I've gotten to know many of the community members both on the Rancheria & in the surrounding community. I've done a lot of listening & been made very aware of all the health & environmental issues that they are facing.

I've also done a lot of explaining that the ATSDR Public Health Assessment for the Laytonville Landfill (2005) may have gotten many of the facts surrounding the Landfill wrong, but the critical problem with the report is that there was insufficient health data to be able to draw a definitive conclusion that there was a health problem in the area. I've further explained that because of the inability to document a health problem, there was no basis for further action by the regulatory agencies. After hearing so many stories of deaths & other major health problems in the area (many publicly & others confidentially) as well as problems with the health survey done in conjunction with the ATSDR-funded study, I was able to make them understand that they needed to document the health issues in the area in order to establish that there is indeed a health problem. The community has now banded together & with outside help done their own health survey that definitely shows an above average cancer rate. This new survey was done confidentially which was apparently a key problem with the last "ATSDR" survey which, in turn, resulted in a very limited response & lack of data, etc.

Local activism is now ramping up again following the death of Louis Hoaglin in late August. Louis was the last lifetime resident of Laytonville Rancheria & died of cancer. Although an enrolled member at Round Valley Reservation where he was born, Louis was raised on the Laytonville Rancheria from the age of about 11 months by his grandparents & lived on the Rancheria for the majority of his life. Louis was also Chair of the Wailaki White Lily Clan, recognized as one of the six Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Reservation, & was very well known & well liked. His passing had a significant impact in the local community & well beyond. Hundreds attended his memorial services in early September.

I again want to thank you for your valuable time & concern! Receipt of any additional reports or other information about the area would be very much appreciated as I try to help untangle this local mess. This is definitely a situation where I believe there are multiple environmental impacts beyond just the landfill.

Thanks!

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